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Storm wreaks havoc on presidential race

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CELINA, Ohio (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama frantically sought to close the deal with voters with precious few days left in an incredibly close race as this year's October surprise — an unprecedented storm menacing the East Coast — wreaked havoc on their best-laid plans.

Ever mindful of his narrow path to the requisite 270 electoral votes, Romney looked to expand his map, weighing an intensified effort in traditionally left-leaning Minnesota. Obama sought to defend historically Democratic turf as the race tightened heading into the final week.

Wary of being seen as putting their political pursuits ahead of public safety, the two White House hopefuls reshuffled their campaign plans as the storm approached.

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Plywood covers part of the entrance to Bowling Green Station in Battery Park as storm preparation is done, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in New York.

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Eastern U.S. braces for superstorm

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NEW YORK (AP) — Big cities from Washington to Boston braced Sunday for the onslaught of a superstorm that could menace 50 million people in the most heavily populated corridor in the U.S., with forecasters warning New York could be in

particular peril.

Federal Emergency Management Administrator Craig Fugate warned that the "time for preparing and talking is about over," as Hurricane Sandy made its way up the Atlantic on a collision course with two other weather systems that could turn it into one of the most fearsome storms on re-

cord in the U.S.

"People need to be acting now," he said.

Forecasters warned that the megastorm could wreak havoc over 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) from the East Coast to the Great Lakes. States of emergency were declared from North Carolina to Connecticut.

Airlines canceled more than

6,700 flights and Amtrak began suspending passenger train service across the Northeast. New York and Philadelphia moved to shut down their subways, buses and commuter trains Sunday night and announced that schools would be closed on Monday.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Stock Exchange and the NYMEX are shutting their trading floors in New York Monday as Hurricane Sandy bears down on the city.

But trading will continue electronically on both exchanges.

NYSE Euronext said Sunday it is putting in place its contingency plans beginning Monday and will announce later when the trading floor will reopen.

The New York Mercantile Exchange, a commodity futures exchange, also will be shutting on Monday its trading floor which is located in a mandatory evacuation zone in lower Manhattan.

The CME Group, which owns NYMEX, said all electronic markets will open at their regularly scheduled times.

The moves come as Hurricane Sandy causes the



Trader Michael Urkonis works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, in New York.

Associated Press

shutdown of transportation systems throughout the region. Governor Andrew Cuomo said New York City's subways and buses will shut

down Sunday evening. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg ordered residents to evacuate some low-lying areas Sunday and

said city public schools will close Monday.

Trading can still go on even without people yelling orders to buy and sell across

the floor of the exchange because many orders on the NYSE are already handled electronically. On Monday, securities normally handled on the NYSE will shift to the purely electronic NYSE Arca.

The servers that handle all of the exchange's transactions are housed in Mahwah, New Jersey.

Trading has rarely stopped for weather.

A blizzard led to a late start and an early close on Jan. 8, 1996, according to the exchange's parent company, NYSE Euronext. The NYSE shut down on Sept. 27, 1985, for Hurricane Gloria.

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Superstorm

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Boston, Washington and Baltimore also called off school.

As rain from the leading edges of the monster hurricane began to fall over the Northeast, tens of thousands of people in coastal areas from Maryland to Connecticut were under orders to clear out Sunday. That included 50,000 in Delaware alone and 30,000 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where the city's 12 casinos were forced to shut down for only the fourth time in the 34-year history of legalized gambling there.

Authorities warned that the biggest U.S. city could get hit with an 11-foot (3.3-meter) wall of water that could swamp parts of lower Manhattan, flood subway tunnels and cripple the network of electrical and communications lines that are vital to the nation's financial center.

Sandy, a Category 1 hurricane with sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph) as of Sunday evening, was blamed for 65 deaths in the Caribbean before it began churning up the Eastern Seaboard. As of 8 p.m., it was centered about 485 miles (780 kilometers) southeast of New York City, moving at 15 mph (24 kph), with hurricane-force winds extending an incredible 175 miles (281.62 kilometers) from its center.

Sandy was expected to hook left toward the mid-Atlantic coast and come ashore late Monday or early Tuesday, most likely in New Jersey, colliding with a wintry storm moving in from the west and cold air streaming down from the Arctic.

Forecasters said the monster combination could bring close to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain, a po-

tentially lethal storm surge and punishing winds extending hundreds of miles (kilometers) outward from the storm's center. It could also dump up to 2 feet (60 centimeters) of snow in Kentucky, North Carolina and West Virginia.

Louis Uccellini, environmental prediction chief for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told The Associated Press that given Sandy's east-to-west track into New Jersey, the worst of the storm surge could be just to the north, in New York City, Long Island and northern New Jersey.

Forecasters said that because of giant waves and high tides made worse by a full moon, the metropolitan area of about 20 million people could get slammed with an 11-foot (3.3-meter) wall of water.

"This is the worst-case scenario," Uccellini said.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg warned people in low-lying areas of lower Manhattan and Queens to get out.

"If you don't evacuate, you are not only endangering your life, you are also endangering the lives of the first responders who are going in to rescue you," he said. "This is a serious and dangerous storm."

New Jersey's famously blunt Gov. Chris Christie was less polite: "Don't be stupid. Get out."

New York called off school Monday for the city's 1.1 million students and announced it would suspend all train, bus and subway service Sunday night because of the risk of flooding, shutting down a system on which more than 5 million riders a day depend.

Officials also postponed Monday's reopening of the Statue of Liberty, which had been closed for a year for \$30 million in renova-



President Barack Obama, left, listens as Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator Craig Fugate speaks to the media at FEMA Headquarters in Washington, on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012. FEMA is coordinating the deployment of federal resources in preparation for Hurricane Sandy. Associated Press

tions.

In Washington, President Barack Obama promised the government would "respond big and respond fast" after the storm hits.

"My message to the governors as well as to the mayors is anything they need, we will be there, and we will cut through red tape.

We are not going to get bogged down with a lot of rules," he said.

He also pleaded for neighborliness: "In times like this, one of the things that Americans do is we pull together and we help out one another. And so, there may be elderly populations in your area. Check on your neigh-

bor, check on your friend. Make sure that they are prepared. If we do, then we're going to get through this storm just fine."

The storm forced the president and Republican rival Mitt Romney to rearrange their campaign schedules in the crucial closing days of the presidential race.

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Havoc

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Both candidates were loath to forfeit face time with voters in battleground states like Virginia that are likely to be afflicted when Hurricane Sandy, a winter storm and a cold front collide to form a freak hybrid storm.

"The storm will throw havoc into the race," said Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va.

Before leaving Washington for Florida Sunday, a day early to beat the storm, Obama got an update from disaster relief officials before speaking by phone to affected governors and mayors.

"Anything they need, we will be there," Obama said. "And we are going to cut through red tape. We are not going to get bogged down with a lot of rules. We want to make sure that we are anticipating and leaning forward."

An opportunity for Obama to demonstrate steady



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney gestures during a campaign speech Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, in Land O' Lakes, Fla.

Associated Press

leadership in the face of crisis was offset by the risk that the federal government, as in past emergencies, could be faulted for an ineffective response, with the president left to take the fall.

"My first priority has to be making sure that everything is in place" to help those affected by the storm, Obama told campaign workers Sunday in Orlando. He told the volunteers they

would have to "carry the ball" while he was off the campaign trail.

"I hate to put the burden of the entire world on you, but basically it's all up to you," he joked.

Obama will hold a rally in Orlando on Monday with former President Bill Clinton, but he canceled campaign stops in Virginia and Ohio on Monday and in Colorado on Tues-

day. He planned to return to Ohio on Wednesday with stops in Cincinnati and Akron, followed by a Thursday swing through Springfield, Ohio, Boulder, Colo., and Las Vegas.

Romney nixed three stops in up-for-grabs Virginia on Sunday, opting instead to campaign with running mate Paul Ryan in Ohio before heading Monday to Wisconsin, where Romney has chipped away at Obama's lead.

"I know that right now some people in the country are a little nervous about a storm about to hit the coast, and our thoughts and prayers are with people who will find themselves in harm's way," Romney told several hundred supporters crowded into a field house at the University of Findlay, the second of three Sunday rallies.

Romney's campaign confirmed Sunday that he would not travel to New Hampshire on Tuesday as planned.

The campaign already

canceled a Monday event in New Hampshire featuring Romney's wife, Ann. Advisers say further travel changes are likely as they monitor the storm's progress.

Vice President Joe Biden canceled a Monday event in New Hampshire.

"The last thing the president and I want to do is get in the way of anything. The most important thing is health and safety," Biden said.

Ryan planned to leave Ohio at midday for three stops in Florida. His Tuesday schedule, however, shifted him to stops in Colorado instead of Virginia.

The prospect that bad weather could hinder early voting and get-out-the-vote efforts is vexing to both Obama and Romney.

"Obviously, we want unfettered access to the polls, because we think the more people that come out, the better we're going to do," said David Axelrod, a top adviser to Obama's campaign. □



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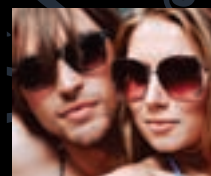
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Hawaii tsunami smaller than feared

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Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Officials in Hawaii reopened the state's ports on Sunday after canceling a tsunami advisory due to fears of waves generated from a powerful earthquake off the coast of Canada. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center lifted its tsunami advisory Sunday just before 4 a.m. local time, three hours after downgrading from a warning and less than six hours after the waves first hit the islands. The Coast Guard said Honolulu Harbor and all other Hawaii harbors were reopened and operating normally by the afternoon. Center officials said wave heights had diminished, though swimmers and boaters should be careful of strong or unusual currents. The biggest waves — about 5 feet (1.52 meters) high — appeared to hit Maui. A popular triathlon set for the island was expected to go on as planned, with county lifeguards giving the OK for a 1 mile (1.6 kilometer) ocean swim. There were no immediate reports of damage, though one person died in a fatal crash near a road that was closed because of the threat near Oahu's north shore. Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie said the state was lucky to avoid more severe surges. "We're very, very grateful that we can go home tonight counting our blessings," Abercrombie said. Meanwhile, the National Weather Service canceled tsunami advisories for Canada, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California. At first, officials said Hawaii wasn't in any danger of a tsunami after the 7.7 magnitude earthquake, which sparked tsunami warnings for southern Alaska and western Canada. Later, officials issued a warning for Hawaii as well, saying there had been a change in sea readings. About the same time, a



Erica Avegalio, center, and her brother Albert Avegalio, right, load up on water and food at the Times Supermarket after learning of a tsunami warning Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, in Honolulu. Associated Press

tsunami advisory was issued for a 450-mile (725-kilometer) stretch of U.S. coast running from north of San Francisco to central Oregon. A small tsunami created by the quake was barely noticeable in Craig, Alaska, where the first wave or surge was recorded Saturday night. The warning in Hawaii spurred residents to stock up on essentials at gas stations and grocery stores and sent tourists in beachside hotels to higher floors in their buildings. Bus service into Waikiki was cut off an hour before the first waves, and police in downtown Honolulu shut down a Halloween block party. Abercrombie proclaimed an emergency, mobilizing extra safety measures. In Alaska, the initial wave or surge was recorded at 4 inches (10 centimeters), much smaller than forecast, said Jeremy Zidek, a spokesman for the Alaska Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The first wave hit Craig about two hours after the earthquake. Surges at other Alaska communities were later recorded at 6 inches (15.2 centimeters), while others were much smaller. □

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1st Native American saint stirs pride, skepticism

MARY ESCH
 Associated Press

ALBANY, New York (AP) — Some traditional Mohawks

the Iroquois Confederacy to which the Mohawks belong. She was orphaned at age 4 when smallpox



The Rev. Brian Graebe places flowers on a statue of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Church in Lagrangeville, N.Y. Pope Benedict XVI canonized seven people, Kateri Tekakwitha, Maria del Carmen, Pedro Calungsod, Jacques Berthieu, Giovanni Battista Piamarta, Mother Marianne Cope, and Anna Shaeffer.

Associated Press

are treating the naming of the first Native American saint in the U.S. with skepticism and fear that the Roman Catholic Church is using it to shore up its image and marginalize traditional spiritual practices.

They see the story of Kateri Tekakwitha as yet another reminder of colonial atrocities and religious oppression.

"I was a recipient of these historical profanities and want to ensure this does not happen again," said Doug George-Kanentiio, a Mohawk writer who left Catholicism to follow traditional longhouse spiritual practices.

The daughter of a Mohawk chief and a Catholic Algonquin woman, Kateri was born in 1656 about 40 miles (65 kilometers) northwest of Albany and in the heart of

wiped out her family and much of her village and left her blinded and disfigured. A Catholic convert at 20, she settled in Kahnawake, a Mohawk settlement south of Montreal where Jesuits had a mission and where she and other women performed mortification rituals such as self-flogging as part of their faith. At her death at the age of 24, Kateri's smallpox scars reportedly vanished and later she was reported to appear before several people. She is buried at a shrine on Kahnawake.

Speaking in English and French at her canonization last Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI noted how unusual it was in Kateri's culture for her to choose to devote herself to her Catholic faith. "She's seen very much as a bridge" between native



Members of the faithful attend a mass celebrating the life of Kateri Tekakwitha on the Kahnawake reserve near Montreal, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012.

Associated Press

culture and Christianity, said the Rev. Jim Martin, a Jesuit priest. He said the Jesuit missionaries "took great pains to learn the native languages and tried their best to present the Christian faith using words, phrases and ideas from the native cultures."

Traditional Mohawks recognize the reverence their Catholic relatives and friends have for Kateri, said Chaz Kader, a Mohawk journalist who was raised Catholic but follows ancient longhouse traditions now. But many remain troubled by how the church portrays her life.

The story of Kateri told in various church writings describes her as maintaining her faith despite torment by her people, suffering ostracism and persecution at the hands of her own tribe and eventually fleeing to Canada.

"I disagree with the characterizations of the 'other Mohawks' in the Jesuit accounts of Kateri," Kader said. "The contrast of good Mohawks and bad Mo-

hawks still is affecting our people."

Traditional Mohawks have struggled to keep their spiritual traditions and ancient language alive despite pressure from non-Indians to adopt European religion, culture and language.

These traditionalists have established Mohawk language-immersion schools and follow a clan-based government separate from the elected tribal government recognized by the U.S., Canada and New York state. To outsiders, they are associated with an image of "bad Mohawks" who smuggle goods across the border and refuse to collect state taxes on cigarette sales, Kader said, and the "good Mohawks" are the ones who "went to Rome to celebrate Kateri," he added.

It's difficult to gauge just how widespread the feelings are given the factionalism that pervades the Mohawk nation and the circumspection they favor when dealing with the media. But many Mohawks

interviewed downplayed any controversy and joined Catholics who see Kateri as a unifying figure and hope her elevation to sainthood will help heal old wounds.

"It's so nice to see God showing all the flavors of the world," said Gene Caldwell, a Native American member of the Menominee reservation in Neopit, Wisconsin, who attended Kateri's canonization with his wife, Linda. "The Native Americans are enthralled" to have Kateri attain sainthood, he said.

Russell Roundpoint, director of the Mohawk history and cultural center at Akwesasne, said her sainthood is "not a contentious issue by any stretch of the imagination."

"The Mohawk people are very proud of the fact that she has attained such a high level," he said.

Sister Jennifer Votraw is director of communications for the Ogdensburg Diocese in northern New York, where the Mohawk reservation is located. While the diocese doesn't provide direct pastoral care to the Mohawks, Votraw belongs to the Sisters of St. Joseph, nuns who regularly aid the priests who minister to the tribe.

She said years of successful interactions between the church and the tribe demonstrate a mutual respect for each other.

Still, she knows there are traditional Mohawks who will never be swayed in their view of the church and may resent Kateri's canonization as a ploy to improve the church's image among Native Americans. □






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2 more deaths in rioting at Peru wholesale market

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Associated Press
LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rioting against Lima's insistence on relocating Peru's biggest wholesale market to a cleaner, less lawless neighborhood claimed two more lives Saturday, and authorities said 27 people were injured.

Police, who fought rioters with tear gas and batons, reported 103 arrests. Two other civilians were killed Thursday when rioting first broke out over the cordoning off by police of the La Parada market to prevent trucks from entering. Sixty-eight police officers were injured Thursday. News video and photographs showed rioters beating some officers brutally with clubs and rocks and a police horse's lower leg nearly chopped off by a machete. Rioting resumed Saturday after authorities fortified concrete barriers blocking

access to the market. It didn't appear any officers were injured in the new violence.

Interior Minister Wilfredo Pedraza said one of the civilians killed Saturday died of a gunshot wound, the other of a stab wound. He said at least 27 people were reported injured and 103 had been arrested.

Lima's left-leaning mayor, Susana Villaran, blamed thugs hired by crooked merchants for the violence. She said La Parada, which sprawls over three hectares (7.4 acres) near downtown Lima, must be moved to end racketeering and improve hygiene.

Villaran told RPP radio Saturday that the hundreds of police deployed in La Parada were there to restore order to "a zone where until now there was nothing but unhealthiness, disorder, chaos and insecurity." In a TV interview Friday, she called La Parada "a world

where a lot of people earn a lot of money through criminal acts, control of territory, protection rackets. And they don't want to leave."

She called Thursday's violence "pre-mediated reaction by hired bands or troublemakers who want to continue ruling their territory outside the law. We are not going to permit that in Lima."

Villaran had set a deadline of mid-September for merchants to move to a new market in the Santa Anita district.

But they refused. More than 10,000 people work in La Parada, which is surrounded by areas



plagued by street crime, include one where stolen goods are on sale in abundance.

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Syria truce collapse shows limits of diplomacy

ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's air force fired missiles and dropped barrel bombs on rebel strongholds while opposition fighters attacked regime positions Sunday, flouting a U.N.-backed cease-fire that was supposed to quiet fighting over a long holiday weekend but never took hold.

The failure to push through a truce so limited in its ambitions — just four days — has been a sobering reflection of the international community's inability to ease 19 months of bloodshed in Syria. It also suggests that the stale-mated civil war will drag on, threatening to draw in Syria's neighbors in this highly combustible region such as Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

"This conflict has now taken a dynamic of its own which should be worrying to everyone," said Salman Shaikh, director of the Brookings Doha Center think tank.

The U.N. tried to broker a halt to fighting over the four-day Eid al-Adha Muslim feast that began on Friday, one of the holiest times of the Islamic calendar. But the truce was violated almost immediately after it was supposed to take effect, the same fate other cease-fires in Syria have met. Activists said at least 110 people were killed Sunday, a toll similar to previous daily casualty tolls. They include 16 who died in an airstrike on the village of al-Barra in northern Syria's mountainous Jabal al-Zawiya region. The Observatory also reported a car bomb that exploded

ed in a residential area in the Damascus neighborhood of Barzeh and wounded 15 people, but the target was not immediately clear.

Though Syria's death toll has topped 35,000, the bloodiest and most pro-

gence chief. The assassination stirred up deadly sectarian tensions in Lebanon, where Sunnis and Shiites are deeply divided over the Syrian civil war, raising the specter of renewed sectarian fighting.

Lebanon's two largest po-

Iraqi Shiites also increasingly fear a spillover from Syria. Iraqi authorities on Sunday forced an Iranian cargo plane heading to Syria to land for inspection in Baghdad to ensure it was not carrying weapons, the second

of a chemical attack from neighboring Syria.

Turkey's support for the Syrian rebel movement is another point of tension, and Turkey has reinforced its border and fired into Syria on several occasions recently in response to shells that have landed from Syria inside Turkish territory.

The U.S. administration says it remains opposed to military action in Syria and politicians have been pre-occupied this year with the presidential election, now a few weeks away.

On Sunday, Syrian warplanes struck the eastern Damascus suburbs of Arbeen, Harasta and Zamalka to try to drive out rebels, according to activists in those areas and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which compiles information from activists in Syria.

In Douma, another Damascus suburb, rebels wrested three positions from regime forces, including an unfinished high-rise building that had been used by regime snipers, according to the Observatory and Mohammed Saeed, a local activist.

Fighting was also reported near Maaret al-Numan, a strategic town along the Aleppo-Damascus highway that rebels seized earlier this month. Opposition fighters including the al-Qaida-inspired Jabhat al-Nusra, have also besieged a nearby military base and repeatedly attacked government supply convoys heading there. □



In this Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 photo, Syrian residents walk on a street among the debris of buildings damaged by heavy shelling in the southeast of Aleppo City.

Associated Press

tracted crisis of the Arab Spring, the West has been wary of intervening. There is concern about sparking a wider conflagration because Syria borders Israel and is allied with Iran and the powerful Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. There are already increasing incidents of the civil war spilling across borders.

Many in Lebanon blame Syria and Hezbollah for the Oct. 19 car bomb that killed the country's intelli-

gential coalitions have lined up on opposite sides of Syria's civil war.

Hezbollah and its partners who dominate the government have stood by Assad's regime, while the Sunni-led opposition backs the rebels seeking to topple the Syrian government. Assad and many in his inner circle are Alawites — an offshoot of Shiite Islam and a minority in Syria — while the rebels come mostly from the country's Sunni majority.

such forced landing this month. The move appeared aimed at easing U.S. concerns that Iraq has become a route for shipments of Iranian military supplies that could help Assad battle rebels. In Jordan, concern over stability was underlined last month, when its U.S., British and French allies quickly dispatched their military experts to help Jordanian commandos devise plans to shield the population in case

Palestinians to seek U.N. recognition next month

MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
Associated Press
RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— The Palestinian president is moving forward with his plan to seek upgraded observer status at the United Nations next month, despite American and Israeli threats of financial or diplomatic retaliation, officials said Sunday.

The decision sets the stage for a new showdown between Israel and the Palestinians at the world body, following last year's attempt by the Palestinians to seek status as a full member state. Although that initiative failed to pass the U.N. Security Council, it caused months of diplomatic tensions with Israel.

"We will go to the U.N. regardless of any threats," said Tawfik Tirawi, a senior member of President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement. "I expect the Israelis to take punitive measures against us, if we win this status, but this is our choice and we will not retract it."

This year, the Palestinians are seeking "nonmember state" status in the U.N. General Assembly, where passage is assured. The 193-member assembly is dominated by developing nations sympathetic to the Palestinian cause. Officials say they are looking for what they call a "quality" majority that includes European countries as well, though Germany and Britain, for instance, have been cool to the Palestinian plan.

While upgraded status would not change the situation on the ground, the Palestinians say the move is still significant. They will ask for international recognition of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

They believe the U.N. vote would then require Israel to withdraw to the pre-1967 lines or face international legal action. Israel rejects a full return to those lines, and says the borders between Is-

rael and a future Palestine must be reached through direct negotiations.

The Palestinians also hope to use upgraded status to join additional U.N. bodies, such as the International Criminal Court, where they could attempt to prosecute Israel on war crimes violations.

The Palestinians last year received membership into UNESCO, the U.N. cultural agency. Over Israeli objections, they subsequently won recognition of the Church of the Nativity in the West Bank town of Bethlehem as an endangered heritage site.

A Palestinian official said Abbas is expected to formally put his request to the General Assembly on Nov. 15 or Nov. 29.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because no formal decision has been made.

Both dates are symbolic. The 15th is the anniversary of the 1988 Palestinian declaration of independence. The 29th is the anniversary of the 1947 U.N. decision to partition of what was then British-ruled Palestine into Israeli and Arab territories. Jewish leaders agreed, but Arabs rejected the plan, war erupted, and the Palestinians remain without a state. The U.N. now observes Nov. 29 as its annual day of solidarity with the Palestinians.

The Palestinians last year decided to turn to the U.N. after years of deadlock in peace efforts with Israel. Negotiations have been frozen since late 2008, in large part over Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. The Palestinians say they will not resume talks without a settlement freeze.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu approved a partial settlement freeze in 2009, but he refused to extend the slowdown when it expired, and a short-lived round of peace talks collapsed just weeks

after they were launched. Abbas has said he will be ready to resume talks after the U.N. vote, perhaps even without a settlement freeze.

While Netanyahu has in the past said he is ready to talk without preconditions, he has not said how he would react to a U.N. vote.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said Israel has not yet decided how to respond, but he warned that U.N. recognition would "irreversibly poison the atmosphere" and make it impossible to resume peace talks.

"The Palestinians are openly declaring their intention



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas leaves the podium after speaking during the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters in this Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 file photo.

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to use this recognition as a weapon in an ever continuing diplomatic war they intend to wage against Israel," he said. "If they are

going to wage a legal and diplomatic war against Israel, what are the odds of returning to the negotiating table?" □



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2,000 sheep led through streets of Spain's capital

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Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Spanish shepherds led a flock of more than 2,000 sheep through central Madrid on Sunday in defense of ancient grazing, migration and droving rights threatened by urban sprawl and modern agricultural practices.

Many tourists and residents were surprised to see traffic cut to allow the ovine parade to bleat its way across some of Madrid's most up-scale urban streets.

The right to use droving routes that wind across land that was open fields and woodland before Madrid grew from a rural hamlet to the great metropolis it is today has existed since at least 1273.

Every year, a handful of shepherds defend the right and, following an age-old tradition, on Sunday paid

25 maravedis — coins first minted in the 11th century — to city hall to use the crossing.

Shepherds have a right to use 78,000 miles of paths for seasonal livestock migrations from cool high-

land pastures in summer to warmer and more protected lowland grazing in winter.

The movement is called transhumance and in Spain up until recently involved close to a million animals a year, mostly sheep and cattle.

Modern farming practices are however increasingly confining animals to barns, because shepherding is costly, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, which has been promoting the colorful annual Transhumance Fiesta in Madrid since 1994.

Madrid became an important urban center when King Philip II chose it as the capital of his vast empire in 1561.

Some paths have been used for more than 800 years and modern-day Madrid has sprawled to engulf two north-south routes. One that crosses Puerta del Sol — Madrid's equivalent of New York's Times Square — dates back to 1372. □



Shepherds lead their sheep through the centre of Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012. Spanish shepherds led flocks of sheep through the streets of downtown Madrid in defense of ancient grazing, migration and droving rights threatened by urban sprawl and man-made frontiers.

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7 killed, 100 wounded in Nigeria church bombing

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KADUNA, Nigeria (AP) — A suicide bomber rammed an SUV loaded with explosives into a Catholic church holding Mass on Sunday in northern Nigeria, killing at least seven people and wounding more than 100 others in an attack that sparked reprisal killings in the city, authorities and witnesses said.

As rescuers tried to reach the wounded in the Malali neighborhood of Kaduna, angry youths armed with machetes and clubs beat to death two Muslims passing by the still-smoldering ruins of St. Rita's Catholic church. An Associated Press reporter saw the men's corpses outside the worship hall, as police and soldiers ordered those in the neighborhood of Christians and Muslims to go home before more violence broke out. The car bombing, the latest high-casualty attack targeting churches, comes as people fear more reprisal killings and religious violence could follow in this city and elsewhere along Nigeria's uneasy religious fault line separating its largely Christian south from its predominantly Muslim north.

The attack happened around 9 a.m. as the reverend of the parish conducted Sunday worship. Witnesses said the suicide bomber plowed his SUV past a gate and a security guard before ramming into the church's wall and detonating the explosives hidden inside the vehicle. The blast left shattered glass and blood across the floors of the church's sanctuary. One of the brown walls of the church caved in and bore scorch marks from the

blast. Rescuers found the bodies of seven worshippers and the suicide bomber after the attack, said Yushau Shuaib, a spokesman for Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency. Shuaib said more than 100 others suffered injuries in the

ful. Reuben Abati, a spokesman for President Goodluck Jonathan, said the nation's leader condemned the attack. "The persistence of messengers of evil will not prevail over the will of the government and the people to

try to launch an attack during the holiday. The sect has demanded the release of all its captive members and has called for strict Shariah law to be implemented across the

entire country. However, the group, which speaks to journalists in telephone conference calls at times of its choosing, could not be immediately reached for comment. □



Policemen stand guards outside a damage Catholic church following a suicide bombing in Kaduna, Nigeria, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

Associated Press

blast and had been taken to local hospitals. Kaduna state police commissioner Olufemi Adenaike told journalists at the church that authorities had urged those living in the religiously mixed neighborhood to return home and stay indoors to halt any further revenge attacks. Saidu Adamu, a spokesman for Kaduna state government, said the rest of the city was peace-

secure peace and safety," Abati said. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which comes as the Muslims in the nation are celebrating the end of Eid al-Adha holiday in Nigeria. In recent days, rumors have circulated that the radical Islamist sect known as Boko Haram, which is blamed for hundreds of killings this year alone, might



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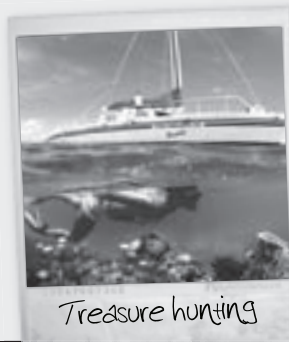


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New Afghan war phase, with no decisive end seen

ROBERT BURNS

**AP National Security Writer
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**

— A new chapter of the Afghanistan war is opening with a slimmed-down Western force doing more advising than fighting, a resilient Taliban showing little interest in peace talks, and Americans tempted to pull the plug on a conflict now in its 12th year.

A decisive end seems nowhere in sight.

The allied offensive that just ended, spearheaded by an influx of 30,000 U.S. troops, hammered the Taliban in its southern strongholds. Yet the insurgency persists as the American-led international military coalition hands off security responsibilities to the Afghans before exiting in two years.

"We are probably headed for stalemate in 2014," says Stephen Biddle, a George Washington University political science professor who has advised U.S. commanders in Afghanistan and Iraq. If that is the case, the U.S. will have to pump billions of dollars a year into Afghanistan for decades to prevent its collapse, Biddle says.

What began in October 2001 under the Pentagon's hopeful banner of "Operation Enduring Freedom" has hardened into enduring resistance. The Taliban take heavy losses but regenerate as fast as they fall. They also maintain links to a range of other extremist groups, including al-Qaida and the Pakistan-based Haqqani network.

U.S. commanders say with confidence that their war campaign is on track, and President Barack Obama seemed to agree in his debate last Monday with Republican challenger Mitt



This photo taken Oct. 10, 2012 shows Army Brig. Gen. John Charlton, left, foreground, talking to members of the Afghan National Civil Order Police at a military base in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.

Romney.

"There's no reason why Americans should die when Afghans are perfectly capable of defending their own country," Obama said. Yet the path forward is dotted with question marks:

—Will Afghanistan's security forces be capable of holding off the Taliban on their own? Afghan forces outnumber the Taliban by more than 10-to-1, but currently not a single Afghan army battalion is capable of operating in the field without American advisers.

—If the Afghan forces falter, will the U.S. extend its stay or send in reinforcements to avoid a Taliban takeover?

—Will the U.S.-led military coalition hold together even as France and others dash for the exits in coming months?

—Will enough Afghans come to embrace the corrupt government in Kabul as a preferred alternative to the militant Taliban?

—Will the Afghans manage a peaceful transfer of power after a presidential election scheduled for 2014, in which President Hamid Karzai cannot run again? The independent International Crisis Group warned this month of a "precipitous slide toward state collapse" unless steps are taken soon to prevent a repeat of the "chaos and chicanery" of the 2009 presidential election and the 2010 parliamentary vote.

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, who championed the additional American troops, remains optimistic.

"We've come too far, we've fought too many battles, we have spilled too much blood not to finish the job that we are all about," Panetta said in Brussels this month after meeting with his counterparts from NATO nations.

The "job" Panetta referenced is no longer to defeat the Taliban before 2015 or to eradicate al-Qa-

ida in its Afghan redoubts, but to create an Afghan security force that can at least hold the substantial gains achieved by the U.S.-led international alliance. It's not even clear whether the U.S. still expects to get peace negotiations with the Taliban started by 2015. U.S. officials have said for years that the Taliban were unlikely to talk peace unless they felt their battlefield chances were slipping away.

Those chances did take a heavy hit when the fresh American forces came on, yet the Taliban still show no appetite for negotiations. Nevertheless, coalition military officers still speak of softening up the Taliban. "Our task is to put our fist down the throat of the Taliban and squeeze his heart so that he will talk," said Australian Maj. Gen. Stephen Day, the coalition's chief of plans.

He argues that the additional troops made the

Taliban "a bit more quiescent," if not yet willing to negotiate.

Panetta and others assert that the troop increase also drove the Taliban farther from population centers and created an opportunity for the Afghan army and police to grow in numbers and experience.

The U.S. now has 66,000 troops in Afghanistan, joined by about 37,000 from allied countries. Decisions on how many more U.S. troops to withdraw next year won't come before the presidential election, but there are abundant signs that additional reductions will be ordered at some stage in 2013.

Army Brig. Gen. John Charlton, a deputy commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan's eastern provinces, says he is emphasizing to Afghan military leaders that the time has passed when they can expect the coalition to bear the lion's share of the fighting.

"Starting now, you've got to step it up," he said he's now telling them.

Charlton and other U.S. commanders interviewed recently in Kabul and at several remote outposts in eastern Afghanistan said they see marked improvement in the performance and confidence of Afghan forces this year.

Roger Noble, an Australian brigadier general who is a deputy operations chief for the international coalition, said he sees "pockets of excellence," but others see mediocrity and worse in the wider pool of Afghan forces.

Noble acknowledged that Afghan soldiers are sometimes disillusioned with superiors whose corruption saps morale. □

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tus). Now, two years later, the newlyfounded Stichting BOB Aruba can benefit from the proceeds of Cas di Glas 2010. On Friday, October 26, the first official donation was made to the foundation, causing quite a few very happy faces. The Cas di Glascheque of AWG. 132.409,- was handed over to several committee members of BOB Aruba; the amount will be used for the acquisition and maintenance of a mammograph for future screening purposes of the foundation.

Stichting BOB Aruba is currently operating with donations and volunteers. Quite



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Peter Ballière - president Cas di Glas foundation; Esmeralda Ophelia-Schoitman - coordinator Cas di Glas foundation; and Enrita Werleman - founding member/Mary Joan foundation.

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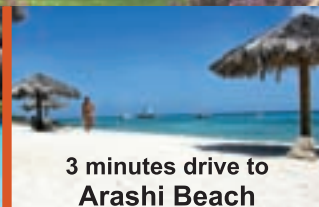
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hard work and going the extra mile, encouraging them to keep up the good work. The Caribbean Palm Village Resort is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, commemorating a quarter of a century of fantastic vacation memories for guests and a stable and friendly place to work, for employees. □



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, right, throws the ball, with St. Louis Rams defensive tackle Kendall Langford, left, during the first half of a NFL football game at Wembley Stadium, London, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

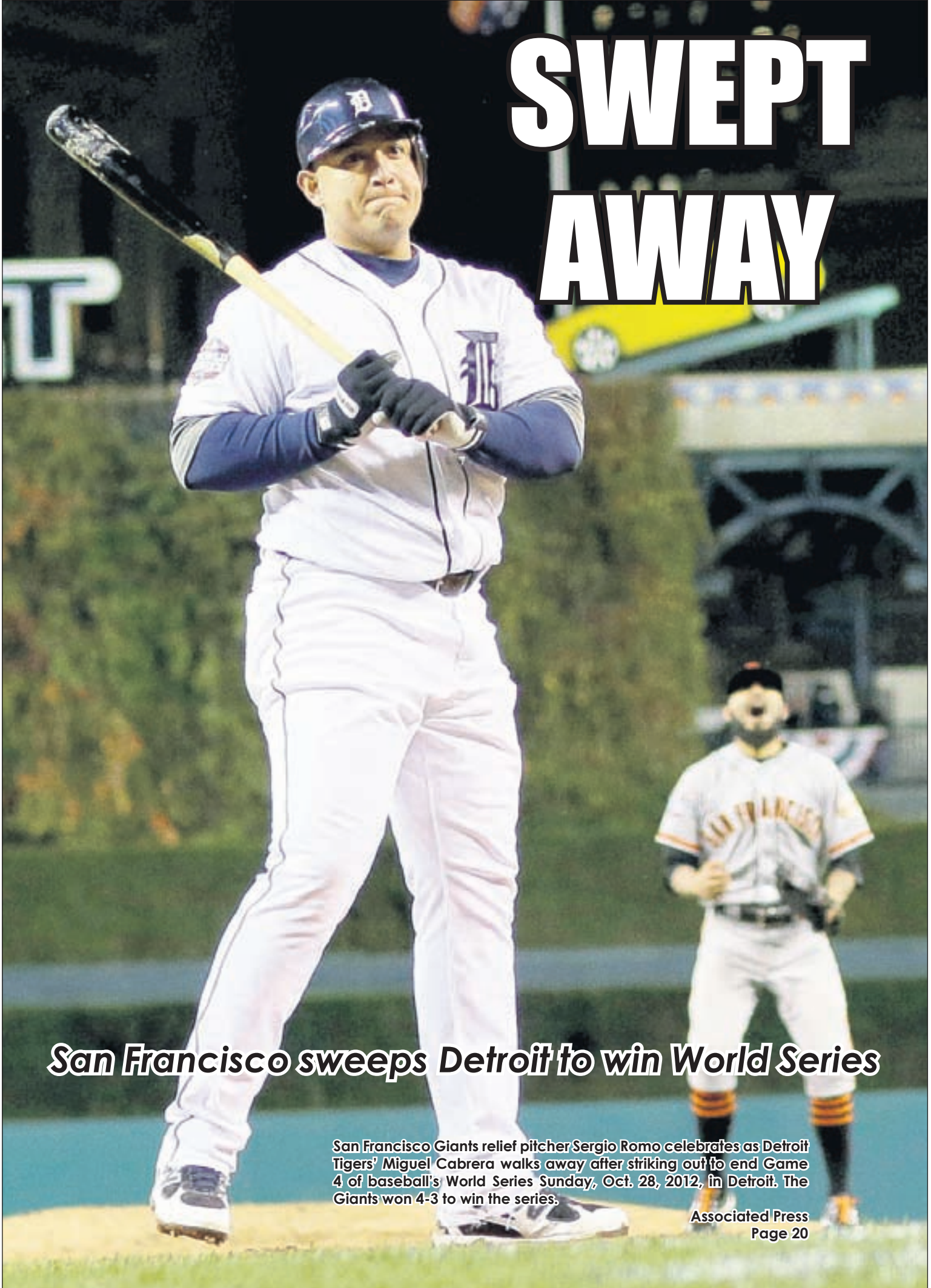
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Brady, Patriots rout Rams 45-7 at Wembley

MATTIAS KAREN
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The Patriots showed that old England is their domain as well. After the Patriots gave up an early 50-yard scoring play, Tom Brady responded by leading five straight touchdown drives Sunday and New England (5-3) ran over the St. Louis Rams 45-7 in the NFL's annual regular-season game at Wembley Stadium. "I hope they enjoyed the game today, all the fans," Brady said, "I know it got out of hand there, but that's how the Patriots like it. So it was a fun game for us." Yes, for one night at least, the Pats — Expats on this occasion — were back to blowing away opponents. According to Brady, though, there's still plenty of room for improvement. "We've got a long way to go. ... We certainly haven't played our best football yet," he said. "Coach says the season doesn't start until after Thanksgiving, and it isn't even Halloween yet."

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San Francisco sweeps Detroit to win World Series

San Francisco Giants relief pitcher Sergio Romo celebrates as Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera walks away after striking out to end Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Detroit. The Giants won 4-3 to win the series.

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Ted Ligety, of the United States, passes a gate during the first run of an alpine ski, men's World Cup giant slalom in Soelden, Austria, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

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Ligety wins World Cup opening giant slalom with massive lead

ERIC WILLEMSSEN

Associated Press

SOELDEN, Austria (AP) — Ted Ligety took the season-opening men's World Cup giant slalom on Sunday by the biggest winning margin since 1979.

In difficult conditions due to fog and snowfall, the American GS world champion won the race by a mas-

sive 2.75 seconds ahead of Manfred Moelgg of Italy.

"It's pretty phenomenal," Ligety said. "I didn't think this was possible. This is an unbelievable gap, a once-in-a-career margin."

According to the International Ski Federation, the time difference between winner and runner-up in a World Cup GS has only been bigger six times before — all in the 1970s. Sweden's standout Ingemar Stenmark holds the record with a gap of 4.06 seconds. In the opening run, Ligety was among the first eight starters who were slowed by bad weather causing poor visibility before the sky cleared. He still posted the second-fastest time, trailing Thomas Fanara of France by 0.04.

"The first run starting that early was a disadvantage but it fired me up for the second run," Ligety said. "It gave me a lot of motivation because I felt I should have been in the lead and opened up a gap."

The American put in a risky yet error-free final run to claim victory in impressive style. Overall World Cup champion Marcel Hirscher came third, 3.12 seconds behind.

"I knew I was skiing well. I was going fast in training," Ligety said. "In the second run, I took more risks than anyone else, more than what was really smart, so I got a bit lucky there."

It was Ligety's 12th career win, all in GS. The American won the race here last season as well but ultimately lost his GS title to Hirscher, who was full of praise for the winner.

"My position is super, but this margin is almost insane," Hirscher said. "The top in GS is only Ligety, then comes the rest of the world. This is a big blow for us. It makes almost no sense racing against him. We have a lot of work to do."

Second-place Moelgg said it was Ligety's outstanding technique that set him apart.

"Ted is focusing on making smooth turns and completing them," Moelgg said. "Even if it's rough or bumpy, he keeps doing that to perfection and that's why he stands out."

Ligety's achievement came in the first GS under new equipment rules, which force racers to use longer though narrower skis designed to slow them down.

A year ago, Ligety led a group of racers who were fiercely critical of the FIS when the federation announced the changes in an attempt to make the sport safer and reduce the number of injuries.

"I have been working really hard on these new skis to get to the point where I knew I was going to be among the best," Ligety said. □

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Serena Williams beats Sharapova to win WTA Champs



Serena Williams of the U.S., left, holds her trophy after her tennis victory against Maria Sharapova of Russia, right, on the final of the WTA Championships in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

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ISTANBUL (AP)—Serena Williams beat Maria Sharapova 6-4, 6-3 on Sunday to win the WTA Championships for the third time and finish the year with another title - but not the top ranking.

"Now that I can be honest, I really wanted to win," Williams said. "I wanted it so bad but I didn't want to say it ... It was really important for me to end the year with this title in particular."

Williams ended the year with a 59-4 record. Since her first-round loss at the French Open, the American is 31-1, winning Wimbledon, the Olympic gold medal and the U.S. Open.

But she will finish the year ranked No. 3, behind Sharapova, because she did not play as well in the first half of the year.

"I had such a good year, it was important to end on a good note. it was good for my sanity to win," Williams said. "I really wanted it although I didn't need it."

Victoria Azarenka, beaten by Sharapova in the semifi-

nals, ended the year as the top-player in the world.

In 2001 and '09 Williams also won the elite, year-end tournament that brings together the top eight players in the world.

Williams raced forward to reach a drop shot and put away a passing-shot winner but the seventh game still went to Sharapova after five deuces. But the American was pumping her fist and there was no holding her back as Williams closed out the set with an ace - one of 11 she had in the match.

"Today she had another great serving day against me," said Sharapova, who never had a break point.

Williams broke Sharapova's serve to start the second and was never really threatened again.

Williams hit a powerful return on her first match point. She finished with 40 winners, compared to Sharapova's 13.

Williams finished the tournament without dropping a set and she also beat Azarenka in round-robin play,

one of her four wins against the No. 1 this year.

"If I'm playing well and doing everything right, It's pretty difficult to beat me, without trying to sound too full of myself," Williams said. "And I hate to lose."

The American has won 12 straight against opponents ranked No. 1 or No. 2 and has not lost to a player ranked in the top 2 since

2007.

Williams also became the oldest player, at age 31, to win the year-end championships and has seven titles this year.

But because she did not play as well at the start of the year following injuries and illness, Williams will have to settle for the No. 3 ranking despite dominating the tour in the past few months.

Shortly after winning Wimbledon two years ago, Williams cut her feet on glass at a restaurant, leading to a series of health problems, including being hospitalized for clots in her lungs.

She also injured her ankle at the start of the year in Brisbane.

Williams last finished the year as No. 1 in 2009. She has held the No. 1 ranking for a total of 123 weeks. □

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Giants beat Tigers 4-3 in 10 innings for sweep

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The San Francisco Giants beat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 on Sunday to complete a four-game sweep and win their second World Series title in three years after Marco Scutaro singled home the tiebreaking run in the 10th inning.

Ryan Theriot, who went hitless for St. Louis in Game 7 of last year's Series, singled softly into right field off Phil Coke opening the 10th.

Brandon Crawford sacrificed, nearly bunting the ball past Coke. Angel Pagan struck out and Scutaro singled into short center field as Theriot slid home ahead of Austin Jackson's throw.

Pablo Sandoval, who hit three homers in Game 1, was selected Series Most Valuable Player. He hit one of five pitches in Game 4, dropping his Series average to .500 (8 for 16).

Santiago Casilla got the final out of the ninth for the win, and Sergio Romo struck out the side in the 10th for his third save, freezing Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera with a called third strike to end it. The Giants ran out of the dugout and bullpen to celebrate between the mound and second base.

Of the 24 teams to take 3-0 Series leads, 21 swept and three won in five games.

Delmon Young hit a tying home run off Matt Cain in the sixth. Cabrera and San Francisco's Buster Posey homered, marking the first time both reigning batting champions went deep in the same Series game.

San Francisco's Brandon Belt hit an RBI triple off the right-field wall in the second inning following a ground-rule double by Hunter Pence.

But on a night when the wind was gusting to right field at up to 25 mph, Cabrera put Detroit ahead for the first time in the Series with a wild-blown, two-run drive in the third.

Cabrera's drive sailed over Pence, who thought he would catch it but ran out of room in front of the



San Francisco Giants celebrate after the Giants defeated the Detroit Tigers, 4-3, in Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Detroit. The Giants won the World Series 4-0.

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right-field wall on the cool, blustery night. It drove Jackson, who had walked with one out, and ended Detroit's 20-inning scoreless streak.

San Francisco had not trailed since losing Game 4 of the National League championship series, when the Giants fell into a 3-1 series deficit against St. Louis.

With a light rain falling, Scutaro reached on a chopper to third leading off the sixth and, one out later, Max Scherzer hung an 82 mph (132 kph) breaking ball. Posey drove it down the left-field line, where it stayed a few feet fair and landed a couple of rows over the wall for a 3-2 lead. That advantage didn't last long. Young sent an opposite-field, no-doubt drive into the right-field stands in the bottom half, setting off cheers among the crowd of 42,152, with many fans waving white rally towels.

Andy Dirks followed with a single and Jhonny Peralta



San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval holds up his MVP trophy after Game 4 of baseball's World Series against the Detroit Tigers Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Detroit. The Giants won 4-3 to win the series.

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hit a drive that Gregor Blanco caught against the wall in left.

After watching Barry Zito, Madison Bumgarner and Ryan Vogelsong each allow one run or none in the first three games, Cain gave up three runs and five hits in seven innings with five strikeouts and two walks.

Scherzer, pitching on nine days' rest, gave up three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out eight and walked none.

After he left with a runner on second and one out in the seventh, lefty Drew Smyly retired Brandon Crawford on a flyout and righty

Octavio Dotel induced a groundout from Angel Pagan.

Smyly, Dotel and Coke combined for 2 2-3 innings of hitless relief before the 10th.

Jeremy Affeldt followed Cain and struck out four in a row before Peralta hit a ninth-inning drive to center that the wind carried and was caught by Pagan on the warning track.

Casilla relieved and hit Omar Infante with a pitch, breaking his left hand. Danny Worth ran for Infante and Gerald Laird hit into a forceout.

Sandoval was 1 for 5, dropping his Series average to .500 (8 for 16). He also made a nimble play to throw out Quintin Berry on a bunt to third.

Detroit's Prince Fielder was hitless in four at-bats, dropping to 1 for 14 in the World Series (.071) and 1 for 25 (.040) against right-handers in the postseason. Detroit has lost seven straight postseason games. □

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This offense is looking quite scary, though.

New England had at least 350 yards of total offense for the 17th straight game, breaking an NFL record set by the Rams in 1999-2000, back when Kurt Warner was leading "The Greatest Show on Turf."

This was arguably the greatest show put on by a team in London since the NFL started staging regular-season games here in 2007 — or at least the most dominating. New England gave the British crowd a first-hand look at the league's top-ranked offense.

Brady led four straight touchdown drives for a commanding 28-7 lead by halftime, and then hit Brandon Lloyd for a 9-yard score to start the third quarter.

Brady passed for 304 yards with four touchdowns and tight end Rob Gronkowski caught eight passes for 146 yards and two scores. Lloyd also had two touchdown catches, while Stevan Ridley ran for 127 yards and a score as the Patriots put themselves atop the AFC East heading into their off week.

The Rams (3-5), who also will be off, are last in the NFC West after losing two in a row.

The Rams struck first when Sam Bradford hit Chris Givens with a 50-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive of the game — exactly the kind of statement the team hoped to make to ruffle the favored Patriots. But St. Louis, which arrived in London on Tuesday, three days before the Patriots, to get better adjusted to the time difference, was the team that looked jet-lagged the rest of the way. "You can't ask for a better start to the game. First time

we touched the ball we go down and score," Bradford said. "It just all fell apart from there."

After the Rams took the lead, Brady led a 78-yard drive to tie the score with a 19-yard pass to Lloyd. On their next drive, coach Bill Belichick opted to go for it on fourth down at the 1-yard line, and Shane Vereen broke into the end zone.

It was the only fourth down the Rams forced until the middle of the third quarter, when the Patriots had to settle for a 26-yard field goal to make it 38-7.

In between, Brady hit Gronkowski on a 7-yard touchdown pass and Ridley had another 1-yard run into the end zone 10 seconds before halftime.

Gronkowski celebrated both his touchdowns with theatrical spikes to fire up the crowd, doing a high-stepping strut before the first one to mimic a local tourist attraction. That led to questions about what the move was called, a Changing of the Gronk, a FrankenGronk, or what?

"That was a 'Palace Guard,'" the tight end joked.

Even Brady was a bit perplexed.

"I don't know what the hell he was doing on that first one," Brady said. "I was trying to get out of the way. He needs some work on that."

St. Louis only had one other scoring opportunity in the first half, but botched the snap on a 52-yard field goal attempt.

Givens' touchdown gave him a reception of at least 50 yards for the fifth straight game, a rookie record, but he left temporarily with a toe injury and only managed two more catches after returning. Running back Steven Jackson was also largely shut down,



St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford, left, is tackled by New England Patriots defensive end Chandler Jones during the second half of a NFL football game at Wembley Stadium, London, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

Associated Press

finishing with 23 yards on seven carries. Bradford was 23 of 31 for 205 yards and added an interception in the fourth quarter before being replaced by backup Kellen Clemens near the end.

"It's embarrassing the way we played tonight," Bradford said. "Just embarrassing."

New England became the first team to win two games in London, having beaten Tampa Bay here in 2009. As expected, the Patriots also had the majority of crowd support from the 84,004 fans at Wembley, despite the Rams being the designated home team.

That, however, didn't stop backup quarterback Ryan Mallett from getting booed when taking a knee to run out the clock — one of the few aspects of the American version of football the British crowd didn't seem to appreciate.

Belichick had no complaints about the atmosphere, though. □

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Suzann Pettersen wins Taiwan Championship

YANG MEI, Taiwan (AP) — Suzann Pettersen won the Taiwan Championship on Sunday for her second straight LPGA Tour victory, rallying to beat In-bee Park by three strokes. Pettersen closed with a 3-under 69 at Sunrise in winds and drizzle that made birdies tough. The Norwegian finished with a 19-under 269 and earned \$300,000 for her 10th LPGA Tour title. Last week in South



Suzann Pettersen from Norway, reacts on the 18th green after winning the Taiwan Championship at the Sunrise Golf & Country Club, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012 in Yang Mei, Taiwan.
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Korea, Pettersen beat Catriona Matthew in a playoff. "It is a great win for me, especially coming back from behind in tough conditions like today," said Pettersen, who shot two bogeys. "I just focused on every shot and stuck to my game plan." Park stumbled with three bogeys and shot just one birdie to end with a 74. The South Korean won two weeks ago in Malaysia for her second victory of the year and leads the money list. Defending champion and local favorite Yani Tseng had a 71 to finish third at 15 under. She has not won an LPGA event since March. "I know I didn't finish where I wanted to but it's getting better," Tseng said Matthew was fourth at 14 under after a 70. □

Nick Watney shoots 61 to win CIMB in Malaysia



Nick Watney of the United States poses with his trophy after the final of CIMB Classic golf tournament at the Mines Resort and Golf Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

JOHN PYE
AP Sports Writer
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Nick Watney took a few peeks at the leaderboard, and heard the echo of raucous cheering at regular intervals in the distance as Tiger Woods was commencing his last-round charge. Watney, starting two groups behind Woods, knew it was going to take a

very special kind of round Sunday to win the \$6.1 million CIMB Classic. Hole-by-hole, birdie after birdie, the 31-year-old American could feel the momentum gathering pace. At the 13th hole, when he moved into a tie for first spot, he started to believe he could win the tournament in Malaysia. After the 14th hole, he started

honing in on a rare round of 59.

With 11 birdies in 17 holes, including six on the back nine, he went to the par-4 18th needing a birdie for a 59, but decided he was playing only for the win. He made a bogey at the last, still good enough for a course record round of 10-under 61 and a 22-under-par total 262 to hold off defending champion Bo Van Pelt and Robert Garrigus by one shot to claim the \$1.3 million first prize.

"I saw Tiger got off to a good start, so I wasn't really thinking about winning when I teed off," said Watney, who started the day four shots off the pace and in a share of seventh place. "But the round sort of built momentum and things just kept getting better and better. I'm thrilled to have come away with the win." After five birdies on the first seven holes, Woods finished with a 63 to tie for fourth at 19 under with Chris Kirk and Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge.

And by the time Woods finished — the 14-time major winner opened with three birdies and had eight in all, including at the 16th and 17th to put pressure on the leaders — all the attention was on Watney.

"I really wanted to finish strong ... but winning the tournament was more important than a 59 for me," said Watney, who drove into the left rough, failed to reach the green with his approach and left his long birdie pitch just short of the putting surface.

Watney won the FedEx Cup opener at Bethpage Black in August for his fifth official PGA Tour title. □

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Future of Nokia hangs on Windows Phone 8 rollout

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HELSINKI (AP) — For Nokia, it comes down to this: Is Microsoft's new phone software going to get it back in the smartphone race, or is it going to be too late?

After being the top seller of cellphones in the world for 14 years, Nokia failed to meet the challenge when Apple in 2007 introduced the dazzling iPhone that caught the imagination of design-conscious customers and rattled mobile markets.

The Finnish company hit a downward spiral that has led to shrinking sales and market share, plant closures, thousands of layoffs and downgrades by credit agencies to junk status.

On Friday, research firm IDC said that in the July-to-September period, Nokia slid for the first time off the list of the top five smartphone makers in the world. It's still the second-largest maker of phones overall, but sales of non-smartphones are shrinking across the industry, and there's little profit there.

The ailing company's CEO, Stephen Elop, sees Microsoft's new Windows Phone 8 software as a chance to reverse that trend, describing it as a catalyst for the new models.

On Monday, Microsoft Corp. is hosting a big launch event for the software at an arena in San Francisco. The first phones from Nokia, Samsung and HTC are expected to hit store shelves next month.

The launch of Windows Phone 8 follows on the heels of Windows 8 for PCs and tablets, which Microsoft released Friday. That operating system has borrowed its look from Windows Phone, meaning Microsoft now has a unified look across

PCs and phones — at least if people take to Windows 8. The company has also made it easy for developers to create software that runs on both platforms with minor modifications.

Analysts are calling this a make-or-break moment for Nokia.

"Nokia is placing a huge bet on Microsoft and if the gamble doesn't pay off, the losses can be high," said Neil Mawston from Strategy Analytics, near London. "It's putting all its eggs in one basket and that's quite a high-risk strategy."

In February last year, Nokia announced it was teaming up with Microsoft to replace its old Symbian and next-generation MeeGo software platforms with Windows. This move was made in the hope that it would rejuvenate the company and claw back lost ground.

Eight months later, they produced the first Nokia Windows Phone. Consumers didn't warm to it, and it soon became clear that these phones, based on Windows Phone 7, were going to become obsolete. They can't be upgraded to Windows Phone 8. Lumia sales slumped to 2.9 million units in the third quarter after reaching 4 million in the previous three months.

"Retailers withdrew marketing and promotion because no one wants to sell customers a device that ages in a few months," says Michael Schroeder, analyst at FIM Bank Ltd. in Helsinki. "Had there been a seamless transfer to Windows 8 from the old (Lumia) devices, sales figures would have been much higher last quarter."

Mawston gives Nokia until April to prove it's still in the race.

"If Nokia does not have more than 5 percent of the

global smartphone market by the end of the first quarter 2013, alarm bells will be ringing," Mawston said.

Analysts estimate Nokia's current global smartphone market share to be some 4 percent — down from 14 percent a year ago. Meanwhile, uncertainty clouds its new venture with Microsoft. "We're a bit in the dark here," Schroeder said. "Right now we can't really say anything about Nokia's future. Everything depends on how the new devices are received in the market."

Nokia says its Lumia 920 and 820 phones are just the beginning of a new range of Windows Phone 8 devices, but early evaluations suggest they lack the "wow" effect necessary to make a dent in the smartphone market.

Also, Windows Phone 8 lags behind in the number of third-party applications available. There are some 100,000 available. Google's and Apple's stores have six or seven times as many.

"It's a perception thing really," Mawston of Strategy Analytics said. "Like in supermarket wars, if you have a store with lots of shelves with lots of apps, then consumers will choose you over a smaller store that has a smaller offering — even if you can't use all those apps."

Analysts expect 700 million smartphones to be sold worldwide this year. While network operators and retailers may welcome a third software system to challenge the dominance of Apple's iOS and Google's Android, it is the consumer who will ultimately decide Nokia's and Windows Phone 8's fate.

Beside the smartphone challenge, Nokia is feeling the pinch in the lower end



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer gives his presentation at the launch of Microsoft Windows 8, in New York, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012. Windows 8 is the most dramatic overhaul of the personal computer market's dominant operating system in 17 years.

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with manufacturers in China and in Asia producing cut-rate non-smartphones — Nokia's former domain. Earlier this year, Samsung

overtook it as the world's No. 1 mobile phone vendor, ending Nokia's reign that peaked in 2008 with a 40 percent market share. □



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Greece considered more risky to invest than Syria

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The world's markets may believe that the worst of the financial crisis in Europe is over after three turbulent years, but those people who control the purse strings of the world's businesses are not breathing any easier.

An annual survey of finance directors from global business consultancy BDO finds that the crisis over too much government debt in Europe remains one of their key concerns — so much so that Greece is considered a riskier place to invest and set up business in than war-torn Syria.

Only Iran and Iraq are considered more risky than Greece, which also struggles to convince its international creditors that it deserves bailout loans to avoid bankruptcy and a possible euro exit.

"CFOs are becoming increasingly wary of Southern Europe, parts of which they now see as risky as the politically unstable countries of the Middle East," said BDO chief executive Martin Van



Fotis Kouvelis, whose Democratic Left party is a junior partner in Greece's governing coalition, chats with journalists after a meeting between the heads of the three parties in the four-month-old, conservative-led coalition in Athens, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012.

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Greece isn't the only country in the 17-country group that uses the euro in the survey's top 10 riskiest countries to invest in. Spain, which even as the euro-zone's No. 4 economy with a long-standing relationship

with Latin America, stands at No. 7.

This reluctance by finance directors, particularly from fast-growing economies such as Brazil and China, to invest in Europe's indebted countries goes to the heart of the financial crisis. A ma-

major part of these countries' recovery is dependent on the private sector stepping in to fill the investment gap left by cuts in government spending.

While countries like Greece and Spain are struggling to convince international busi-

ness that they are good places to invest, others are prospering. Despite recent signs of slowing down, China is considered the most attractive country for expansion, closely followed by the U.S. Others such as Brazil, India, Germany and the U.K. also feature in the top 10 of countries ripe for expansion.

Overall, the survey from BDO found that CFOs around the world are finding it more difficult to conduct business abroad. As well as an uncertain global economic situation, they cite increased regulation and greater competition.

Van Roekel also said he is "surprised" that more finance directors haven't voiced concerns about the heavy debts of countries outside of Europe, notably Japan and the U.S.

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Insurers nervous over prospect of Romney victory

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- You'd think health insurance CEOs would be chilling the bubbly with Republican Mitt Romney's improved election prospects, but instead they're in a quandary.

Although the industry hates parts of President Barack Obama's health care law, major outfits such as UnitedHealth Group and BlueCross Blue Shield also stand to rake in billions of dollars from new customers who'll get health insurance under the law. The companies already have invested tens of millions to carry it out. Were Romney elected, insurers would be in for months of uncertainty as his administration gets used to Washington and tries to make good on his promise repeal Obama's law. Simultaneously, federal and state bureaucrats and the health care industry would face a rush of legal deadlines for putting into place the major pieces of what Republicans deride as "Obamacare."

Would they follow the law on the books or the one in the works? What would federal courts tell them to do?

The answers probably would hinge on an always unwieldy Congress.

Things could get grim for the industry if Republicans succeed in repealing the Affordable Care Act's subsidies and mandates, but leave standing its requirement that insurers cover people with health problems. If that's the outcome, the industry fears people literally could get health insurance on the way to the

emergency room, and that would drive up premiums.

"There are a lot of dollars and a lot of staff time that's been put into place to make this thing operational," G. William Hoagland, until recently a Cigna vice president, said of the health care law.

Insurers "are not going to be out there saying, 'Repeal, repeal, repeal,'" said Hoagland, who oversaw public policy at the health insurance company. "They will probably try to find the particular provisions that cause them heartburn, but not throw the baby out with the bath water."

The Romney campaign isn't laying out specifics on how the candidate would carry out his repeal promise, other than to say the push would begin on his first day in office. Romney has hinted that he wants to help people with medical conditions, doesn't say what parts of the health care law he'd keep.

Likewise, America's Health Insurance Plans, the major industry trade group, isn't talking about what its members are telling the Romney campaign, though informal discussions are under way through intermediaries. Insurers like Romney's plan to privatize Medicare, and some point out that it looks a lot like Obama's approach to covering the uninsured.

Robert Laszewski, an industry consultant and blogger, says the tension is becoming unbearable.

"I spend a lot of time in executive offices and board rooms, and they are good Republicans who would like to see Romney win," said Laszewski. "But they

are scared to death about what he's going to do."

There is no consensus among Republicans in Congress on how to replace Obama's law, much less anything like a bipartisan middle ground on health care, a necessity if the House retains its GOP majority and the Senate remains in Democratic hands.

In contrast, Obama's law is starting to look more and more like a tangible business opportunity. In a little over a year, some 30 million uninsured people will start getting coverage through a mix of subsidized private insurance for middle-class households and expanded Medicaid for low-income people. Many of the new Medicaid recipients would get signed up in commercial managed care companies. A recent PricewaterhouseCoopers study estimated the new markets would be worth \$50 billion to \$60 billion in premiums in 2014, and as much as \$230 billion annually within seven years. Under the law, insurance companies would have to accept all applicants, including the sick. But the companies also would have a steady stream of younger, healthier customers required to buy their products, with the aid of new government subsidies. That finally could bring stability to the individual and small-business insurance markets.

At a time when employer coverage has been eroding, government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and now Obama's law are becoming the growth engines for the industry's bottom line. □



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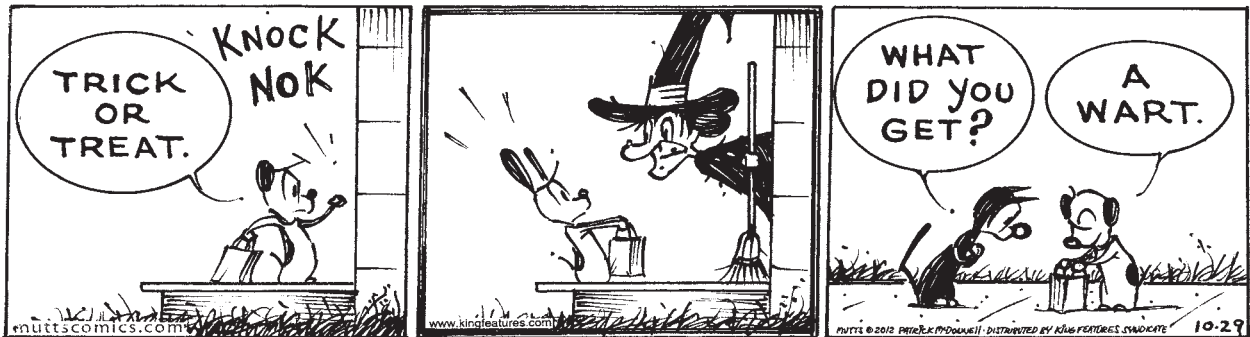
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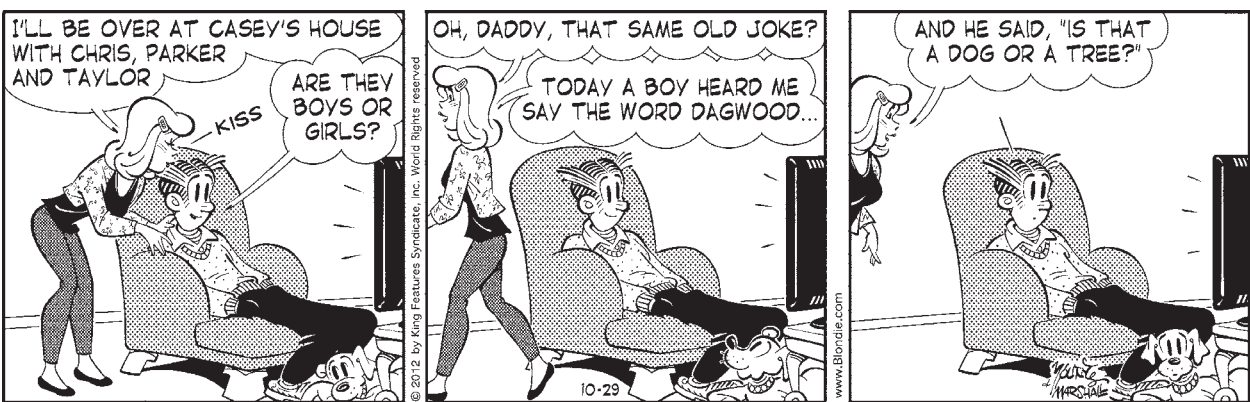
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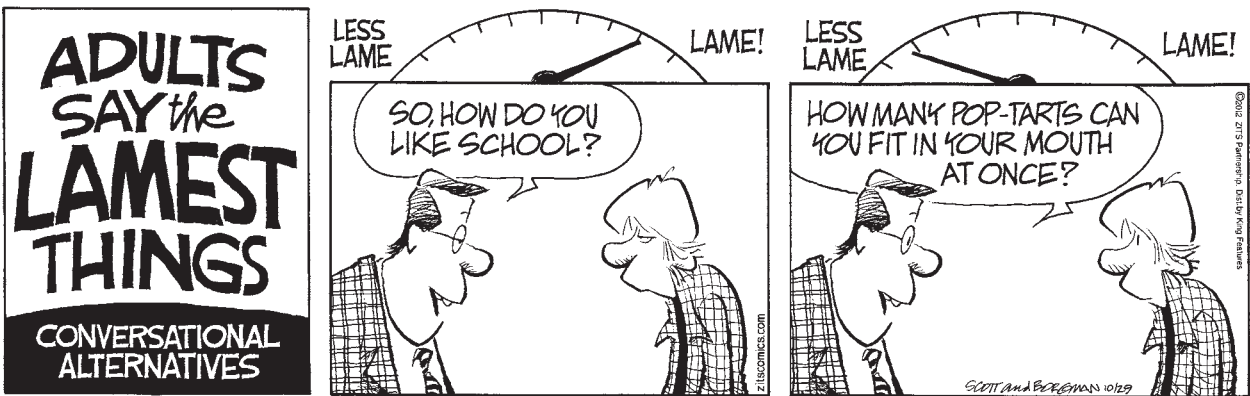
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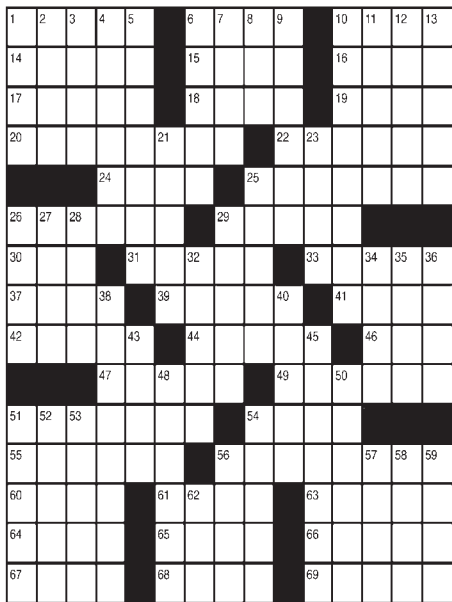
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Dragon ship back on Earth after intl. space station trip

MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — An unmanned Dragon freighter carrying a stash of precious medical samples from the International Space Station parachuted into the Pacific Ocean on Sunday, completing the first official shipment under a billion-dollar contract with NASA.

The California-based SpaceX company successfully guided the Dragon down from orbit to a splashdown a few hundred miles off the Baja California coast.

"This historic mission signifies the restoration of America's ability to deliver and return critical space station cargo," Elon Musk, the billionaire founder and head of SpaceX, said in a statement.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden praised the "American ingenuity" that made the endeavor possible.

Several hours earlier, astronauts aboard the International Space Station used a giant robot arm to release the commercial cargo ship 255 miles up. SpaceX provided updates of the journey back to Earth via Twitter.

The supply ship brought back nearly 2,000 pounds of science experiments and old station equipment. Perhaps the most eagerly awaited cargo is nearly 500 frozen samples of blood and urine collected by station astronauts over the past year.

The Dragon is the only delivery ship capable of returning items, now that NASA's shuttles are retired to museums. Atlantis made the last shuttle haul to and from the station in July 2011.

SpaceX — more formally Space Exploration Technologies Corp. — launched the capsule three weeks ago from Cape Canaveral, full of groceries, clothes and other station supplies. Ice cream as well as fresh apples were especially appreciated by the station residents, now back up to



This photo provided by SpaceX shows an unmanned Dragon freighter during its splashdown, after leaving the International Space Station with a stash of precious medical samples and aimed for a Pacific to end the first official shipment under a billion-dollar contract with NASA, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012. Associated Press

a full crew of six. It's the second Dragon to return from the orbiting lab; the first mission in May was a flight demo. This flight is the first of 12 deliveries under a \$1.6 billion contract with NASA.

"It was nice while she was on board," space station commander Sunita Williams said as the Dragon backed away. "We tamed her, took her home and, literally and figuratively, there's a piece of us on that spacecraft going home to Earth."

She added to the SpaceX flight controllers in Hawthorne, California: "Congratulations Hawthorne and thank you for her."

The Dragon will be retrieved from the Pacific and loaded onto a 100-foot boat that will haul it to Los Angeles. From there, it

will be transported to McGregor, Texas.

The medical samples will be removed as quickly as possible, and turned over to NASA within 48 hours of splashdown, according to SpaceX. Everything else will wait for unloading in McGregor.

A Russian supply ship, meanwhile, is set to blast off this week. It burns up upon descent, however, at mission's end. So do the cargo vessels provided by Europe and Japan.

SpaceX is working to transform its Dragon cargo craft into vessels that American astronauts could fly in another four or five years. Until SpaceX or another U.S. company is able to provide rides, NASA astronauts must rely on Russian rockets to get to and from the space station. □

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Reports: UK rocker arrested as part of Savile case

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Police investigating child sex abuse allegations against the late BBC television host Jimmy Savile arrested former glam rock star and convicted sex offender Gary Glitter on Sunday, British media reported, raising further questions about whether Savile was at the center of a broader pedophile ring. Police would not directly identify the suspect arrested Sunday, but media including the BBC and Press Association reported he was the 68-year-old Glitter. The musician, whose real name is Paul Gadd, made it big with the crowd-pleasing hit "Rock & Roll (Part 2)," a mostly instrumental anthem that has been a staple at American sporting events, thanks to its catchy "hey" chorus. But he fell into disgrace after being convicted on child abuse charges in Vietnam.

Sunday's arrest was the first in a widening scandal over Savile's alleged sex crimes, which started garnering attention earlier this month when a television documentary showed several women claiming that Savile abused them when they were teenagers. Hundreds of potential victims have since come forward to report similar claims to police against Savile, a much-loved children's TV presenter and disc jockey who died at the age of 84 last year.

Most have alleged abuse by Savile, but some said they were abused by Savile and others. Most claimed they were assaulted in their early teens.

The scandal has raised questions about whether the BBC, the publicly funded and trusted broadcaster, had ignored crimes it suspected over several decades. Its executives have apologized and vowed to

uncover the true scale of the alleged abuse.

"The BBC's reputation is on the line," Chris Patten, the chairman of the BBC Trust, wrote in The Mail on Sunday newspaper. "The BBC risks squandering public trust because one of its stars over three decades was apparently a sexual criminal ... and because others — BBC employees and hangers-on — may also have been involved." On Sunday, the BBC and Sky News showed footage of Glitter, who wore a hat, a dark coat and sunglasses, being taken from his home by officers and driven away.

Police would not directly identify the suspect, but when asked about Glitter a spokesman said the force arrested a man in his 60s early Sunday morning in London on suspicion of sexual offenses in connection with the Savile probe. He was released later Sun-

day and was due to return to a London police station in December for further questioning, police said. British police do not generally identify suspects under arrest by name until they are charged.

Glitter, known for his shiny jumpsuits and bouffant wigs, was jailed in Britain in 1999 for possessing child pornography, and convicted in 2006 in Vietnam of committing "obscene acts with children" — offenses involving girls aged 10 and 11. He was deported back to Britain in 2008.

In 2006, the NFL advised its football teams not to use the Glitter version of "Rock and Roll (Part 2)" at games. One witness recently told a BBC-TV show that she once saw Glitter having sex with a schoolgirl in Savile's dressing room at the broadcaster's TV center in the 1970s. Glitter has denied the allegations.

Police have said that



Former pop star Gary Glitter returns to his house in central London, Sunday, Oct. 28 2012.
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though the majority of cases it is investigating relate to Savile alone, some involve the entertainer and other unidentified suspects. In addition, some potential victims who reported abuse by Savile also told police about separate allegations against unidentified men that did not involve the BBC host. □

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'Argo' finally tops box office with \$12.4M

CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It took three weeks, but "Argo" finally found its way to the top of the box office. The Warner Bros. thriller from director and star Ben Affleck, inspired by the real-life rescue of six U.S. embassy workers during the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis, made nearly \$12.4 million this weekend, according to Sunday studio estimates. "Argo" had been in second place the past two weeks and has now made about \$60.8 million total. Debuting at No. 3 was the sprawling, star-studded "Cloud Atlas," which made a disappointing \$9.4 million. The nearly three-hour drama, also from Warner Bros., was co-directed by siblings Lana and Andy Wachowski and Tom Tykwer and features an ensemble cast including Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and Hugh Grant playing multiple roles over six



Actor Ben Affleck poses for photographers during a photocall to present his movie "Argo" in Rome, Friday, Oct. 19, 2012.

story lines.

Dan Fellman, head of distribution at Warner Bros., said the studio thought there might be a good chance

of "Argo" coming out on top this weekend.

"We're thrilled. An accomplishment like that is well deserved, they don't happen very often. You would probably have to do a lot of searching to find a movie that opened in wide release to have two No. 2 weekends in a row and hit No. 1 in the third week," Fellman said. "It's a tribute to the film. Word-of-mouth has taken over the campaign. We have a long way to go, we have a lot of year-end accolades which will approach, and we'll see what happens in terms of the Academy."

On the flip side, Fellman acknowledged that "Cloud Atlas" underperformed compared to hopes that it would end up in the \$11-12 million range domestically. The movie had an estimated budget of \$100 million. But he pointed out that it had a higher per-screen average than any other film opening in the top 10 with \$4,681.

"We did very well on the East and West coasts in a number of major cities," he said. "We're challenged in the Midwest and the South."

It was a soft weekend all around, though, with several newcomers opening poorly, Hollywood.com box-office analyst Paul Der-

Associated Press

garabedian pointed out. The horror sequel "Silent Hill: Revelation 3-D" from Open Road Films debuted at No. 5 with \$8 million and the Paramount Halloween comedy "Fun Size" arrived in 10th place with just over \$4 million. "Chasing Mavericks," an inspirational surfing drama from Fox 2000, didn't even open in the top 12 — it came in at No. 13 with \$2.2 million.

The baseball World Series might have been a factor in keeping folks away from the theaters; also, potential moviegoers along the East Coast in the path of Hurricane Sandy might have stayed home this weekend. "The whole marketplace felt more like September than October. Back in September, we had four down weekends in a row. There was no momentum in the marketplace," Dergarabedian said. "When a hold-over is No. 1, it reflects a lack of strength in the marketplace."

Every week should have a new movie topping the chart."

As for the philosophical, centuries-spanning "Cloud Atlas," he said: "To have a) a big budget, b) Tom Hanks and c) it's a big, epic film, it doesn't necessarily follow that it's going to be a big box office hit. I admire that they went for it." □

Kim Kardashian makes a splash at NYC bash



Kim Kardashian hosts the 2nd Annual Midori Green Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 in New York.

Associated Press

NICOLE EVATT

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Kim Kardashian isn't worried about the behemoth storm expected to pummel the eastern U.S. with rain and wind this week.

Dressed as a blond mermaid for her Halloween party Saturday night in New York, the star joked that her boyfriend, Kanye West — wearing a nautical-looking outfit — could "sail" her to safety if need be.

West didn't talk to press covering the event but smiled and took photos of Kardashian on his phone.

It's the second year Kardashian has hosted the Midori Green Halloween party. She has an endorsement deal with the liquor company.

The reality star said it took two months to plan her costume, inspired by the 1984 film "Splash," and two hours to get ready. □

Madonna booed after touting Obama at concert



In this Aug. 9, 2012 photo, Madonna performs during her concert in St. Petersburg, Russia.

STACEY PLAISANCE

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Madonna drew boos and triggered a walkout by several concertgoers after she touted President Barack Obama on her "MDNA Tour" in New Orleans. The Material Girl asked during Saturday night's performance: "Who's registered to vote?" She added: "I don't care who you vote for as long as you vote for Obama." Drawing boos in touting Obama over Re-

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publican Mitt Romney, Madonna followed: "Seriously, I don't care who you vote for ... Do not take this privilege for granted. Go vote." Madonna is often outspoken. Some Colorado fans, mindful of a mass shooting there, complained she used a fake gun to shoot a masked gunman in a recent concert act in Denver. A Madonna concert in Paris in July drew ire when a video showed a swastika on a politician's forehead. □

Why I am pro-life



Thomas L. Friedman
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(EDS: Please note that boldfaced words should be set in italics.)

Hard-line conservatives have gone to new extremes lately in opposing abortion. Last week, Richard Mourdock, the tea party-backed Republican Senate candidate in Indiana, declared during a debate that he was against abortion even in the event of rape because after much thought he "came to realize that life is that gift from God. And even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen." That came on the heels of the tea party-backed Republican Rep. Joe Walsh of Illinois saying after a recent debate that he opposed abortion even in cases where the life of the mother is in danger, because "with modern technology and science, you can't find one instance" in which a woman would not survive without an abortion. "Health of the mother has become a tool for abortions anytime, for any reason," Walsh said. That came in the wake of the Senate hopeful in Missouri, Rep. Todd Akin, remarking that pregnancy as a result of "legitimate rape" is rare because "the female body has ways to try and shut that whole thing down."

These were not slips of the tongue. These are the authentic voices of an ever-more-assertive far-right Republican base that is intent on using uncompromising positions on abortion to not only unseat more centrist Republicans – Mourdock defeated the moderate Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana in the primary – but to overturn the mainstream consensus in America on this issue. That consensus says that those who choose to oppose abortion in their own lives for reasons of faith or philosophy should be respected, but those women who want to make a different personal choice over what happens with their own bodies should be respected, and have the legal protection to do so, as well. But judging from the unscientific – borderline crazy – statements opposing abortion that we're hearing lately, there is reason to believe that this delicate balance could be threatened if Mitt Romney and Rep. Paul Ryan, and their even more extreme allies, get elected. So to those who want to protect a woman's right to control what happens with her own body, let me offer just one piece of advice: to name something is to own it. If you can name an issue, you can own the issue. And we must stop letting Republicans name themselves "pro-life" and Democrats

as "pro-choice." It is a huge distortion.

In my world, you don't get to call yourself "pro-life" and be against common-sense gun control – like banning public access to the kind of semiautomatic assault rifle, designed for warfare, that was used recently in a Colorado theater. You don't get to call yourself "pro-life" and want to shut down the Environmental Protection Agency, which ensures clean air and clean water, prevents childhood asthma, preserves biodiversity and combats climate change that could disrupt every life on the planet. You don't get to call yourself "pro-life" and oppose programs like Head Start that provide basic education, health and nutrition for the most disadvantaged children. You can call yourself a "pro-conception-to-birth, indifferent-to-life conservative." I will never refer to someone who pickets Planned Parenthood but lobbies against common-sense gun laws as "pro-life."

"Pro-life" can mean only one thing: "respect for the sanctity of life." And there is no way that respect for the sanctity of life can mean we are obligated to protect every fertilized egg in a woman's ovary, no matter how that egg got fertilized, but we are not obligated to protect every living person from being shot with a concealed automatic weapon. I have no respect for someone who relies on voodoo science to declare that a woman's body can distinguish a "legitimate" rape, but then declares – when 99 percent of all climate scientists conclude that climate change poses a danger to the sanctity of all life on the planet – that global warming is just a hoax.

The term "pro-life" should be a shorthand for respect for the sanctity of life. But I will not let that label apply to people for whom sanctity for life begins at conception and ends at birth. What about the rest of life? Respect for the sanctity of life, if you believe that it begins at conception, cannot end at birth. That radical narrowing of our concern for the sanctity of life is leading to terrible distortions in our society. Respect for life has to include respect for how that life is lived, enhanced and protected – not only at the moment of conception but afterward, in the course of that life. That's why, for me, the most "pro-life" politician in America is New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. While he supports a woman's right to choose, he has also used his position to promote a whole set of policies that enhance everyone's quality of life – from his ban on smoking in bars and city parks to reduce cancer, to his ban on the sale in New York City of giant sugary drinks to combat obesity and diabetes, to his requirement for posting calorie counts on menus in chain restaurants, to his push to reinstate the expired federal ban on assault weapons and other forms of common-sense gun control, to his support for early childhood education, to his support for mitigating disruptive climate change.

Now that is what I call "pro-life." □



The company Romney keeps



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The saying goes: A man is known by the company he keeps. If that is true, what does the company Mitt Romney keeps say about him?

This week Colin Powell endorsed Barack Obama again, as he did in 2008. That apparently set John Sununu, a co-chairman of the Romney campaign, on edge. Powell's endorsement couldn't possibly be the product of purposeful deliberation over the candidates' policies. In Sununu's world of racial reductionism, Powell's endorsement had a more base explanation: it was a black thing.

On Thursday, Sununu said on CNN: "When you take a look at Colin Powell, you have to wonder whether that's an endorsement based on issues or whether he's got a slightly different reason for preferring President Obama." He continued: "I think when you have somebody of your own race that you're proud of being president of the United States, I applaud Colin for standing with him."

Talk about damning with faint praise. In other words, Sununu was basically saying that he was applauding Powell's inability to see past the color of his own eyelids.

Sununu is the same man who said that the president performed poorly in the first debate because

"he's lazy and disengaged." He is also the same man who said of the president in July, "I wish this president would learn how to be an American."

Could Sununu be unaware that many would register such comments as coded racism? Or was that the intent?

To understand Sununu, it is important to understand his political history.

For starters, he is no stranger to racism controversies. When George H.W. Bush selected him as chief of staff in 1988, The New York Times reported:

"Mr. Sununu's selection was shadowed by concern among some key Jewish leaders. The 49-year-old New Hampshire Governor, whose father is Lebanese and who takes pride in his Arab ancestry, was the only governor to refuse to sign a June 1987 statement denouncing a 1975 United Nations resolution that equated Zionism with racism."

But that wasn't his undoing. It was his actions. In 1991, Sununu became enmeshed in a scandal over using government planes for personal trips.

After the embarrassment of the incident, Bush ordered Sununu to clear all future flights in advance. What happened later you must read for yourself, and it is best stated by Time Magazine in a July 1, 1991, article:

"If Sununu hadn't exactly been grounded, he had certainly been sent to his room. But Bush underestimated the depth of Sununu's ethical obtuseness and his zeal at finding a way around the rules. Like a rebellious adolescent, Sununu sneaked down the stairs, grabbed the car keys and slipped out of the White House. After all, the old man had only said, 'Don't take the plane.' He didn't say anything about the car."

The piece continued:

"Overcome by a sudden urge two weeks ago to buy rare stamps, Sununu ordered the driver of his government-paid

limousine to drive him 225 miles to New York City. He spent the day – and nearly \$5,000 – at an auction room at Christie's. Then he dismissed the driver, who motored back to Washington with no passengers.

Sununu returned on a private jet owned by Beneficial Corp."

By the end of 1991, amid sagging poll numbers, Bush began to see Sununu as a drag and unceremoniously relieved him of his post. As The Times reported then, Sununu was made to plead for his job before he was pushed out anyway:

"Mr. Sununu and the White House portrayed the departure as voluntary."

But it followed meetings in which Mr. Bush listened to Mr. Sununu's arguments that he should stay on and then decided to follow the advice of top-level Republicans who urged the removal of his chief of staff."

R.W. Apple Jr. wrote in The Times after the move that Bush's "indirectly soliciting and then promptly accepting" Sununu's resignation had made it abundantly clear what actually happened. Sununu has apologized, somewhat, for his racial attack of Powell's motives. But what should we make of all this?

We have a very racially divided electorate. As The Washington Post reported Thursday, "Obama has a deficit of 23 percentage points, trailing Republican Mitt Romney 60 percent to 37 percent among whites, according to the latest Washington Post-ABC News national tracking poll."

The report pointed out that nearly 80 percent of nonwhites support Obama, while 91 percent of Romney's supporters are white.

I worry that Sununu's statements intentionally go beyond recognizing racial disparities and seek to exploit them.

What does that say about Romney, and what does it say about his campaign's tactics?

Remember: A man is known by the company he keeps. □

Advantage Obama in hunt for 270 electoral votes

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AMES, Iowa (AP) — President Barack Obama is poised to eke out a victory in the race for the 270 electoral votes needed to win re-election, having beaten back Republican Mitt Romney's attempts to convert momentum from the debates into support in all-important Ohio, according to an Associated Press analysis a week before Election Day.

While the Democratic incumbent has the upper hand in the electoral vote hunt, Romney has pulled even, or is slightly ahead, in polling in a few pivotal states, including Florida and Virginia. The Republican challenger also appears to have the advantage in North Carolina, the most conservative of the hotly contested nine states that will determine the winner. While in a tight race with Obama for the popular vote, Romney continues to have fewer state-by-state paths than Obama to reach 270. Without Ohio's 18 electoral votes, Romney would need last-minute victories in nearly all the remaining up-for-grabs states and manage to pick off key states now leaning Obama's way, such as Iowa or Wisconsin.

To be sure, anything can happen in the coming days to influence the Nov. 6 election.

The AP analysis isn't intended to predict the outcome. Rather, it's meant to provide a snapshot of a race that has been stubbornly close in the small number of competitive states all year. The analysis is based on public polls and internal campaign surveys as well as spending on television advertising, candidate visits, get-out-the-vote organizations and interviews with dozens of Republican and Democratic strategists in Washington and in the most contested states.

The U.S. president is not chosen by the nationwide popular vote, but in state-by-state contests that allocate electoral votes. Each

state gets one electoral vote for each of its seats in the House of Representatives, as determined by population. Every state has two seats in the Senate, guaranteeing an additional two electors. That means there are 538 electoral votes, including three for Washington, D.C., of which the winning candidate must have 50 percent, plus one, or 270.

The analysis shows Obama probably would win with at least 271 electoral votes from 21 states, including Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa, and the District of Columbia. Romney seems on track for 206 from 23 states, including North Carolina. Obama won that state in 2008 and campaigned aggressively there this year. But Obama's team acknowledges it is the most difficult state for him to win, and he's paid less attention



Republican presidential candidate former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney pauses for applause as he speaks as running mate Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and his wife Janna listen during a campaign rally at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Marion, Ohio, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

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President Barack Obama points towards supporters after speaking at a campaign event at Elm Street Middle School, Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 in Nashua, N.H.

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to it recently.

Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire and Virginia, with a combined 61 votes at stake, could go either way.

"I'm counting on Iowa! Iowa may be the place that decides who the next president is!" Romney said on one of two visits to the

Midwestern state last week. In Ohio last week, a hoarse Obama reminded a Cleveland audience near the end of a six-state marathon: "I need you, Ohio. America needs you, Ohio." Romney is banking on what his supporters say is late momentum. Obama is betting that his aggressive effort to

register and lock in early voters, mainly Democratic-leaning younger and minority voters, will give him an insurmountable advantage heading into Election Day, when more Republicans typically vote than Democrats.

About 35 percent of voters are expected to cast their ballots before Nov. 6, either in person or by mail. More than 5 million people already have voted. No votes will be counted until Nov. 6, but some states report the party affiliation of people who have voted. Democrats have the edge in Iowa, Nevada and North Carolina, according to state figures and data collected by the United States Elections Project at George Mason University. Republicans have the early edge in Colorado. Obama, who won in 2008 in places where Democrats had not for a generation, continues to have several routes to electoral victory. His easiest: win Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin, which are leaning his way. He could keep the White House with victories in Ohio, Wisconsin and Nevada. If he loses Ohio, he could prevail by sweep-

ing New Hampshire, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nevada and Colorado.

Romney has fewer options. He must carry Florida and Virginia, where Republicans are feeling good about his standing, as well as wrest control of Ohio, and then also win Nevada, Colorado or New Hampshire. If he loses Ohio, Romney must make up for the state's 18 electoral votes by cutting his way through Obama-leaning territory.

At the top of that target list are Wisconsin, carried by Democrats in six straight presidential elections and where Obama has the edge, and Iowa, a perennial swing-voting state.

"We have to keep working those other states, in case Ohio doesn't come through," said veteran Republican presidential strategist Charlie Black, who is advising Romney's campaign. Ohio is a lynchpin for both candidates.

Obama was in strong standing in the state before the three presidential debates. But Romney's strong performance in the debates helped him gain ground. But Republicans and Democrats alike now say that any momentum Romney had in Ohio from those debates has run its course, and the state gain is leaning toward Obama. New public polls show a tight race. Operatives in both parties point to the last debate six days ago, and Obama's criticism of Romney's opposition to the automotive industry bailout. They say the criticism was effective in branding Romney as out of touch with working-class voters in a state whose manufacturing economy relies heavily on the car and auto parts industries.

The president started running a new TV ad in the state assailing Romney's position on the aid to the auto industry. Obama's internal polling in Ohio has shown a slight increase in support from white, working-class voters, an important part of Ohio's largely blue-collar electorate. □